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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
CASE NO. 87-90

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OF :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action

THADDEUS SPINKS, D.V.M. :
LICENSE NO: 2333 : CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners based upon information received by the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the method of blood collection for Equine Infectious Anemia performed by Thaddeus Spinks, D.V.M. (Respondent) upon 41 horses on March 9, 1987. An investigation was conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture which indicated that Respondent used the same syringe and may not have used a new needle each time he withdrew blood from each horse and that Respondent only rinsed the syringe with saline solution prior to performing each blood collection. Said investigation thereafter resulted in the institution of

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the within disciplinary proceeding.

Trial in this proceeding was commenced on Wednesday, May 18, 1988 before the Board and it was stipulated between the parties as follows:

1. On March 9, 1987, Respondent tested 41 horses owned by Donald Zellers and his wife, Judy Zellers for Equine Infectious Anemia.

2. The results of the testing were that 4 horses tested positive and 37 tested negative.

3. The 4 positive animals were retested on March 18, 1987 and were found to be positive.

4. The 37 horses that tested negative were retested on April 9, 1987 and May 18, 1987 by officials of the State and or U.S. Department of Agriculture and each time all tested negative.

After the close of Complainant's testimony and proofs, the Board for failure of sufficient proof dismissed those allegations of the complaint which alleged that Respondent did not use a new needle when withdrawing blood from each of the horses.

The parties having conferred and indicated a desire to settle this matter and terminate the completion of the trial, and Respondent having acknowledged that a greater potential to cause harm or transmit a disease to each animal would exist if blood collection were performed by only rinsing the syringe in a saline or like solution prior to withdrawal of blood from each animal rather than with the use of disposable equipment, and that said potential would also exist even if a new needle were

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used for each test, and the Board being of the opinion that the interest of the public will be protected by the entry of this Order,

It is on this 22nd day of June, 1988,

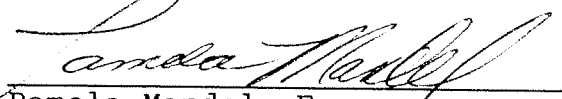
ORDERED that Respondent, Thaddeus Spinks:


1. Shall cease and desist from administering tests involving the withdrawal of blood from animals in any manner except with the use of disposable equipment.

2. Shall at all times have an adequate number of vacutainers in his possession when performing such blood collection outside of his office.


3. Respondent, contemporarily with the entry of this Order shall pay to the Board costs in the sum of \$1,000. which is to be paid by certified check, money order or attorney's trustee check.

I consent to the form and entry hereof.


Pamela Mandel, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent


David Meirs, President
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

I have read and understand the terms of this Order, agree to be bound by them, and consent to the entry of this Order.


Thaddeus Spinks, ~~D.V.M.~~
Respondent VMD

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